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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: The General Mark Clark Task Force

1. On 23 November 1954 there was a meeting in Mr. Kirkpatrick's office of the internal committee concerned with the General Mark Clark Task Force. Mr. Carey reported that it was his impression that the staff of the Task Force had a definite impression that the attrition rate in CIA was extremely high. He also had a definite impression that they had serious reservations about the polygraph program and would want to look into it thoroughly at the appropriate time.

2. Mr. Carey distributed a memorandum which he had received from Colonel Miller asking for additional briefing material. It was decided that the DD/P and DD/A components would ignore this memorandum inasmuch as it is not definite as to whether Colonel Miller or Colonel Lane, or both, will look at the DD/A area and Colonel Lane has not asked for this information with regard to the DD/P area.

3. It was emphasized to all concerned that budget and personnel data furnished to the Task Force should be checked with the Budget Division, Office of the Comptroller, and the Office of Personnel to insure accuracy and consistency. I cautioned Mr. Carey that he should ascertain from Colonel Miller whether he intended to try to tie this information back into the budget and that if he did we should know whether he was going to tie it to the Fiscal Year 1955 or Fiscal Year 1956 budgets. I also stated that a definite cutoff date for personnel figures should be established.

4. [ ] reported that Colonel Lane had said yesterday that General Clark had received a very large number of letters from citizens who had suggested improvements in the clandestine services and made complaints, etc., and that General Lemnitzer was heading a committee to screen them and make recommendations as to how to deal with them. Mr. Kirkpatrick said that he would draft a letter for Mr. Dulles' signature to General Clark advising him that we probably could be of some assistance in this matter and suggesting that we be consulted.

5. I requested that Mr. Carey determine at an early date whether Colonel Miller or both Colonels Miller and Lane were going to look into the administrative structure of the organization and advise me in order that I

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might confer with the appropriate person to decide how he wished to proceed in the DD/A area.

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6. [ ] reported that it has now been agreed and arranged that Colonels Lane and Miller will jointly look at the Offices of Communications and Training.

7. I suggested, and the committee, approved, that we give the Task Force a copy of the "History of Confidential Funds" for its information. Mr. Carey was requested to do this.

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8. I also suggested to [ ] that the Office of the Deputy Director (Plans) drag out some of its skeletons such as [ ] etc., which the Clark Task Force was almost sure to find, and present them as admitted mistakes of the past which we hoped and expected to avoid in the future.

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